

# Predictive Capability of an HIV Model Calibrated with Treatment Interruption Data

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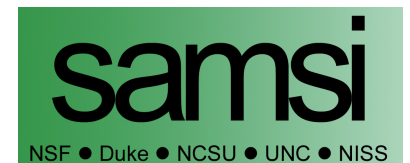
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# Outline: HIV Model Calibration and Prediction

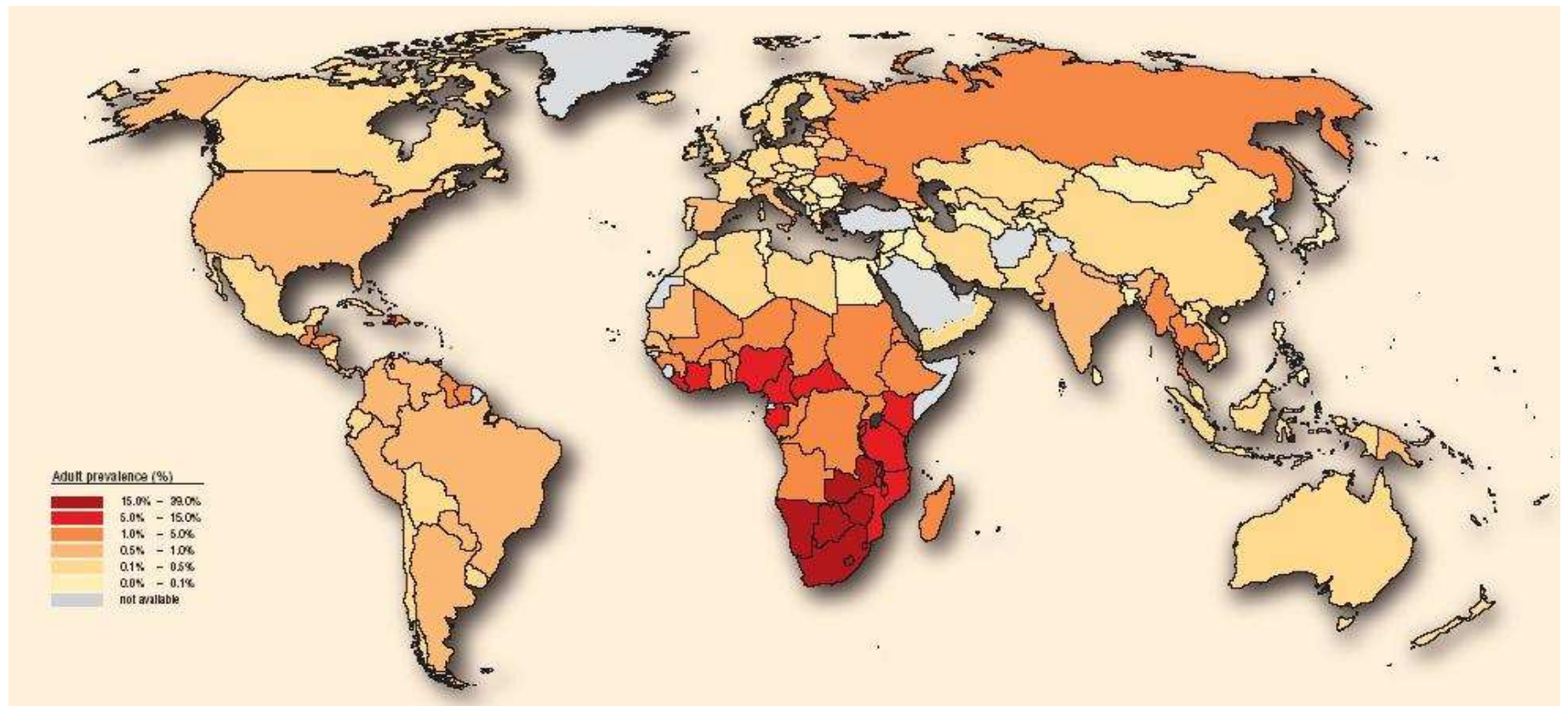
**Goal:** *Employ patient data to calibrate a model of in-host HIV infection and use it to predict long-term patient behavior.*

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# Worldwide Adult HIV Prevalence

**38 million infected** as of 2003 (WHO/UNAIDS)



## HIV and Treatment

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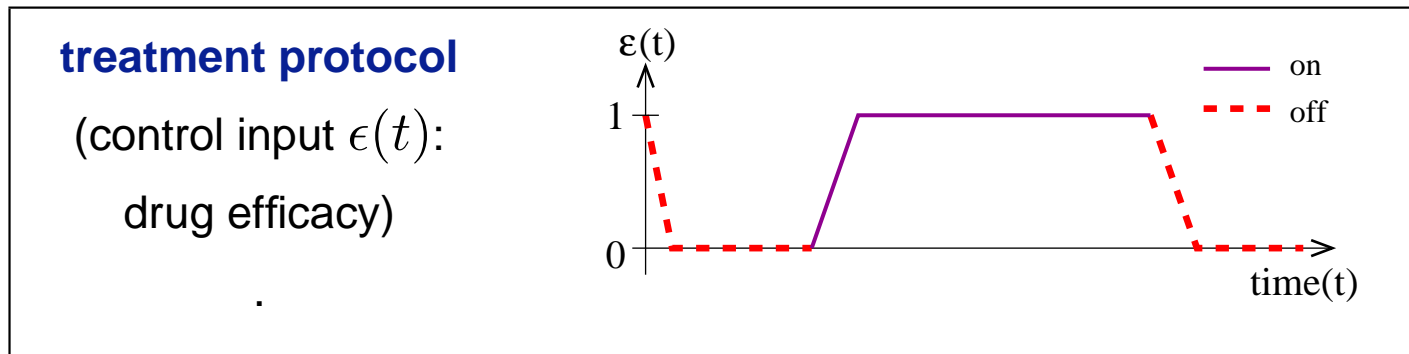
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## Structured Treatment Interruptions (STIs)

- **Drug holidays** – alternative to continuous therapy
- Break from serious side effects, reduced drug treatment cost
- Could **boost immune system**, cause self-vaccination (Berlin patient)
- May effect reversion from drug resistant to wild type virus

## Data from Clinical Acute Infection Study

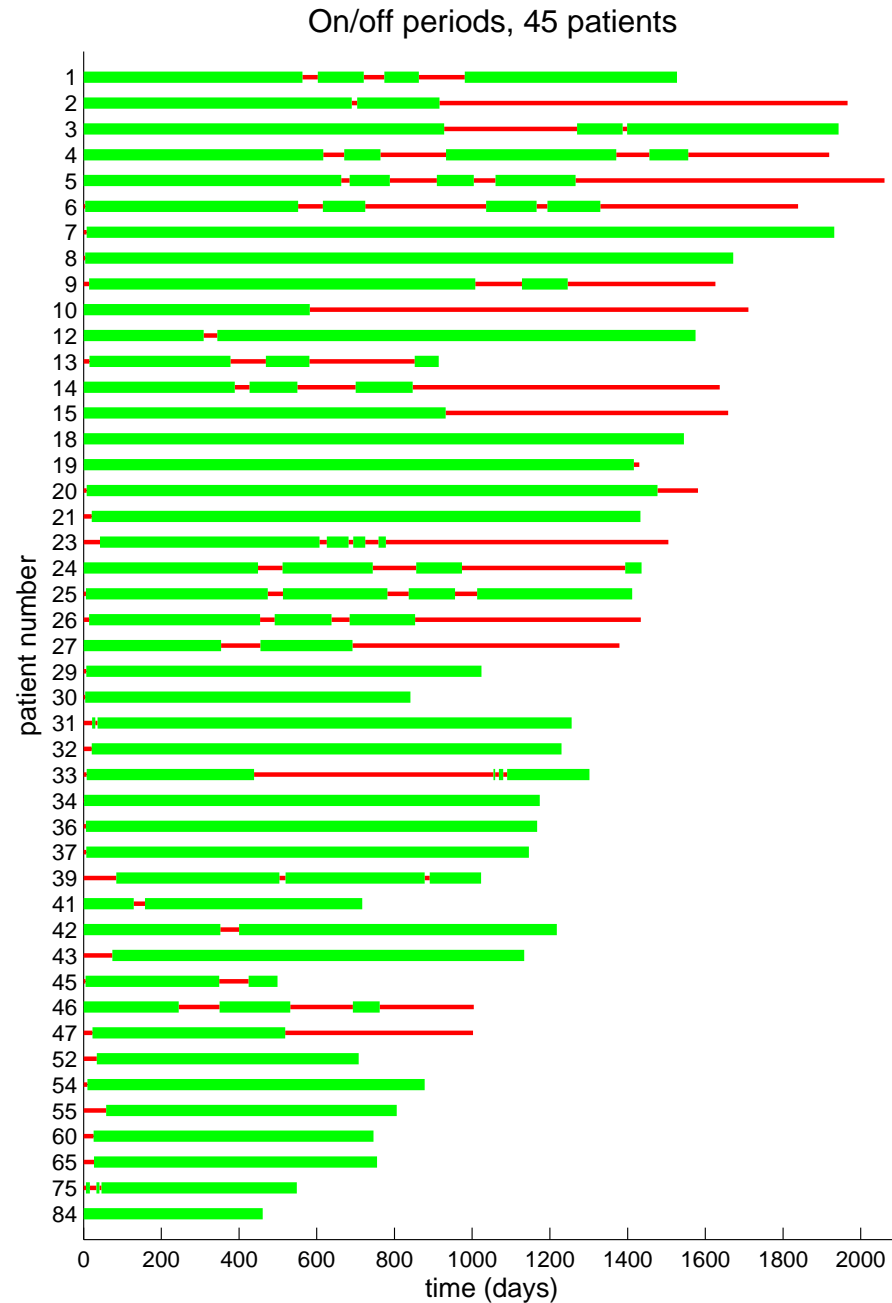
- Eric Rosenberg, M.D., Mass. General Hospital, Boston, tracks over 120 patients in **acute and early infection** phases
- Early phases believed important for establishing immune responses
- **Measures** T-cell counts, viral load, immune responses
- Some on STI: control drug via fixed schedule or feedback



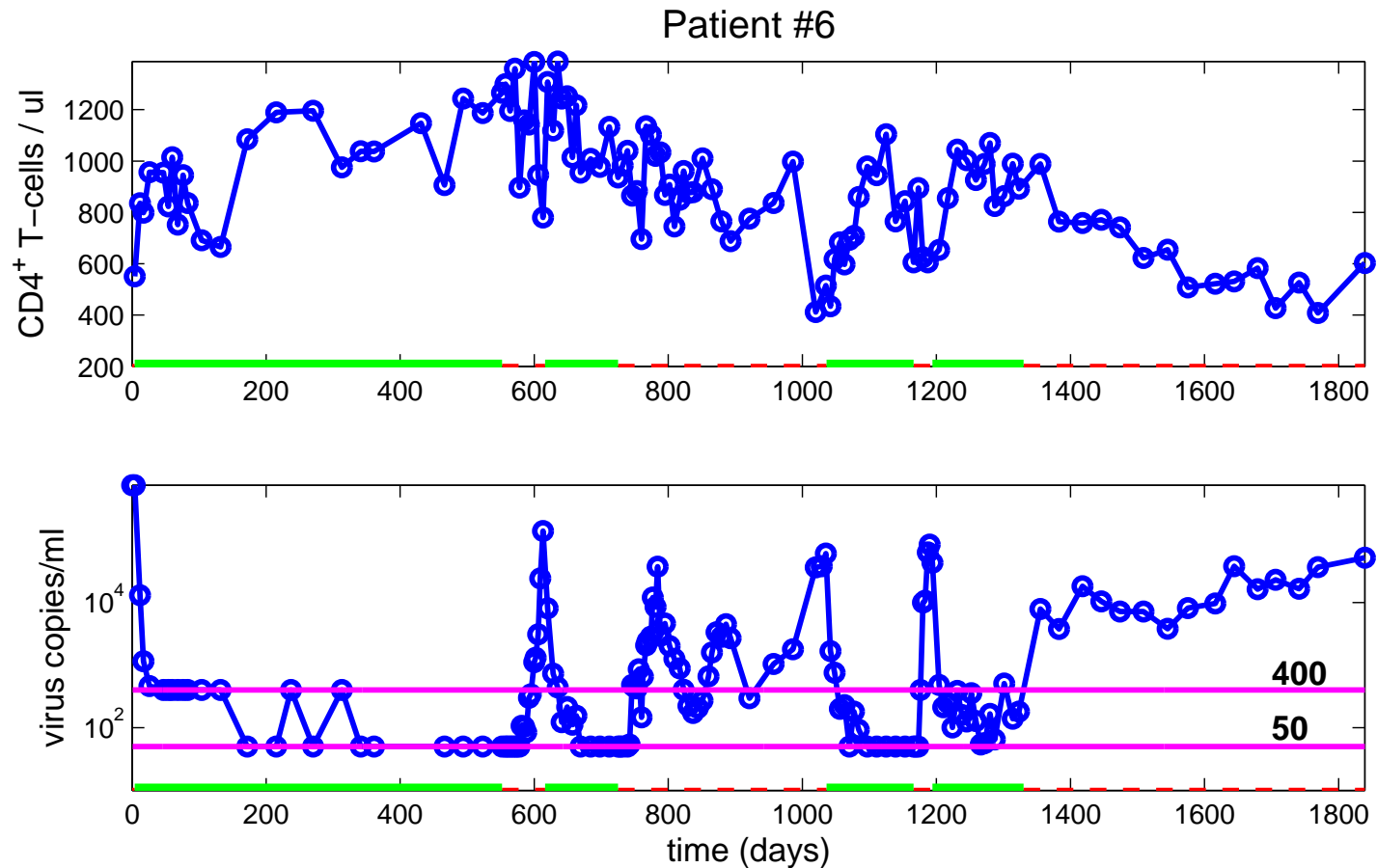
**Can we use model to predict clinical data and differentiate  
between various patient outcomes?**

## Interruption Patterns

- 45 patients
- 10 or more of each CD4 T-cell, viral load measurements in first half of longitudinal data
- 16 spend 30–70% time off treatment



# Typical Study Data



- **Red bar** denotes off treatment periods – note viral rebound
- Viral load measurements have limit of detection: 400 or 50 copies/ml (censoring)



# Overview: Modeling and Control for HIV

**GOAL:** Use HIV infection models to help Rosenberg understand patient data (e.g, what differentiates rapid progressors from long-term non-progressors) and suggest better treatment schemes.

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**Survey Paper:** JCAM special issue on Mathematics Applied to Immunology (2005)

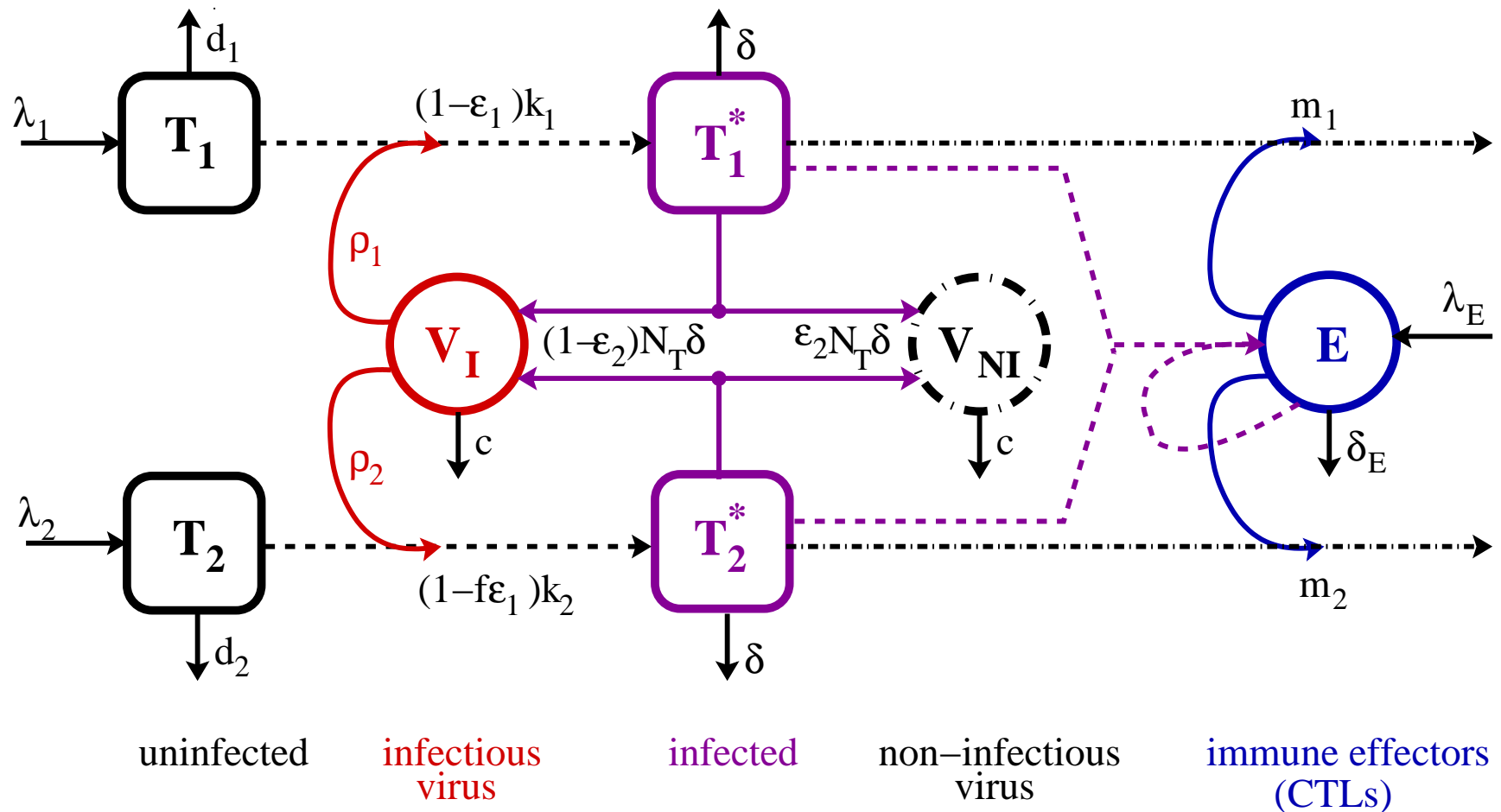
- Surveyed, selected, and integrated models, performed calibration
- Advised control theory collaborators on using model to determine optimal treatment schedules (MBE 1 (2004), 223–241)
- Chose patient data to fit based on analysis with POD (SVD, PCA)
- **Developed and applied mathematical and statistical inverse problem methods to fit model to patient data**, including nonparametric techniques to determine distribution of model parameters across population.  
(Ph.D. dissertation)
- Ongoing NCSU efforts to develop more detailed immune system models.

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# HIV Infection Dynamics Model

- Based on Callaway–Perelson (2001), Bonhoeffer, et. al. (2000) models
- Two co-circulating target cell populations  $T_1, T_2$



# HIV Infection Dynamics Model

**Uninfected type 1:**  $\dot{\mathbf{T}}_1 = \lambda_1 - d_1 \mathbf{T}_1 - (1 - \epsilon_1)k_1 \mathbf{V_I} \mathbf{T}_1$

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- $q$  will denote one or more model parameters (of interest), e.g.,  $q = [k_1, c, N_T]$  and  $\mathbf{z}$  the observed states  $\mathbf{z} = [z_1, z_2] = \log_{10}[\mathbf{T}_1 + \mathbf{T}_1^*, \mathbf{V_I} + \mathbf{V_{NI}}]$ .

## Helpful Model Features

- Incorporates single or multi-drug therapy with **realistic sensitivity**
- Predicts low, **non-zero viral load** equilibrium under therapy (hence rebound)
- Multiple off-treatment stable steady states; **can determine drug control to drive between states via treatment interruptions**

	$EQ_1$	$EQ_2$	$EQ_3$
$T_1$ (cells/ml)	1000000	163573	967839
$T_2$ (cells/ml)	3198	5	621
$T_1^*$ (cells/ml)	0	11945	76
$T_2^*$ (cells/ml)	0	46	6
$V$ (copies/ml)	0	63919	415
$E$ (cells/ml)	10	24	353108
local stability	unstable	stable	stable
	<i>uninfected</i>	<i>viral dominant</i>	<i>immune dominant</i>

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- **Data:** for each patient  $j = 1 \dots N_P$ , we have log-scaled data pairs  $(t^{ij}, \mathbf{y}^{ij})$  at times  $t^{ij}, i = 1, \dots, N_j$ .
- **Math. Model:** (log-scaled) components of ODE solution:  $\mathbf{z}(t^{ij}; q)$
- **Stat. Model** Assume error model for observations, e.g.,  
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Fit ODE model to **each patient  $j$**  yielding parameters  $\mathbf{q}_j$ :

$$q_j^* = \arg \min_{q \in Q} J(q) = \frac{1}{N_j} \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} |\mathbf{z}(t^{ij}; q) - \mathbf{y}^{ij}|^2$$

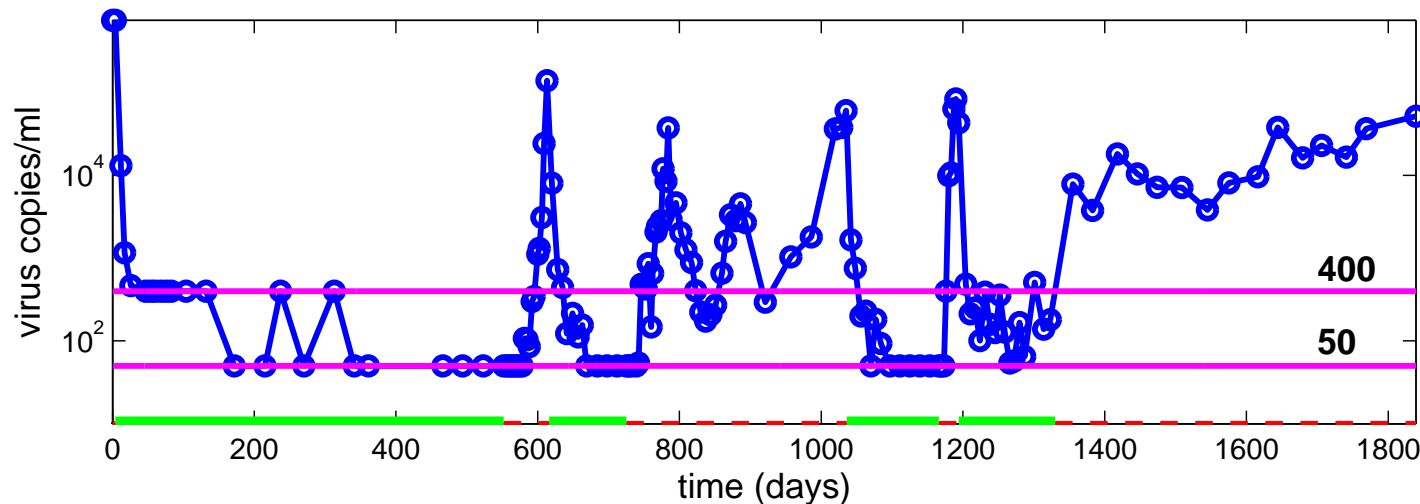
(standard nonlinear least squares), then perform statistical analysis.



## Problem with Standard NLSQ Approach

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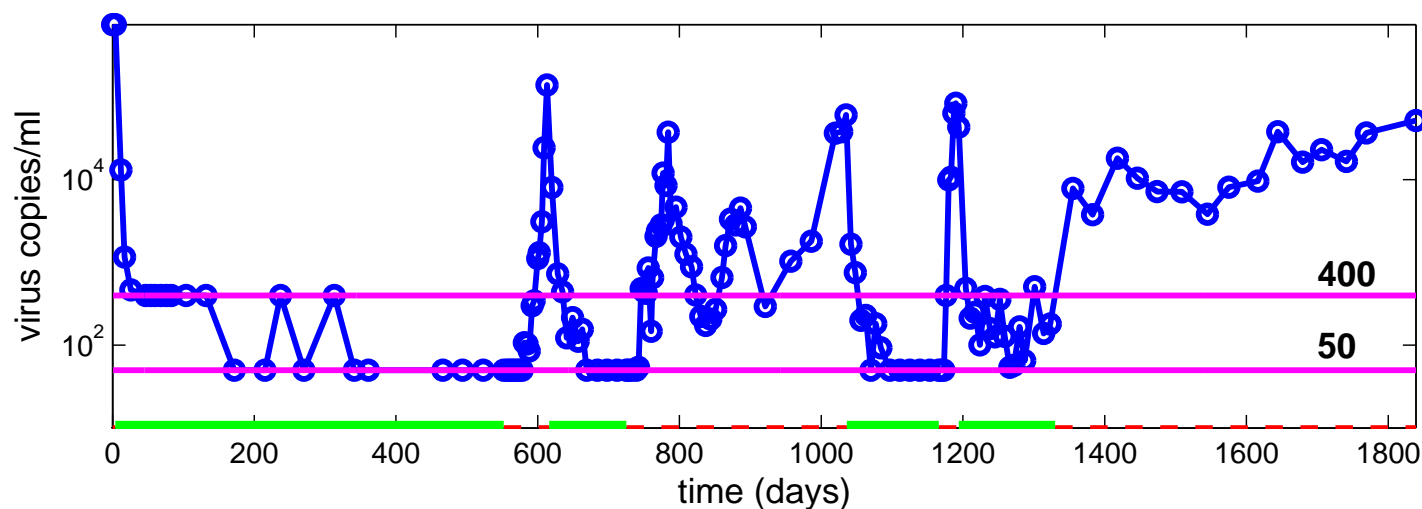
- Recall viral load measurements have **lower limit of quantification**:  
 $L = 400$  or  $50$  copies/ml
- Need to **quantify uncertainty** about censored data, leveraging knowledge that they are below detection limit (in  $[0, L]$ )



## Censored Data Approach

**IDEA:** When data are censored, make a probability statement about their values.

- Still assume viral load  $V$  data  $y_2^{ij}$  arise from model  $z_2^{ij}(q)$ , but when below the limit of detection, assume log data follow **truncated** normal distribution.
- $\chi^i$  will indicate censored measurements ( $\chi_{(y^i < L)}^i = 0$ ) and uncensored ( $\chi_{(y^i \geq L)}^i = 1$ ).



## Individual Patient Estimates: Censored Data Method

1. Perform **initial least squares fit** to data to obtain  $q^*$  and an estimate of variance  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .
2. **Replace censored data points** using best knowledge of distribution  $y_2^{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(z^{ij}(q^*), \hat{\sigma}^2)$ :

$$\tilde{y}_2^{ij} = \chi^i y_2^{ij} + (1 - \chi^i) E[y_2^{ij} | y_2^{ij} < L]$$

3. Minimize least squares criterion **using modified data**

$$q^* = \arg \min_{q \in Q} J(q) = \frac{1}{N_j} \sum_{i=1}^{N_j} |\mathbf{z}(t^{ij}; q) - \tilde{\mathbf{y}}^{ij}|^2$$

to update  $q^*$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ . Return to 2., iterate to convergence.

*Approach based on EM algorithm for maximum likelihood. Solve nonlinear least squares problem with DIRECT (D.E. Finkel) and lsqnonlin (Matlab).*

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## Model Calibration and Prediction

**GOAL:** Evaluate model's predictive ability by fitting to half of each patient's longitudinal data, then attempt to predict full time series.

1. Emulate “book” parameters by estimating all model parameters and initial conditions for each of 45 patients and averaging.
2. Fix less sensitive model parameters at book values
3. Estimate most sensitive 8 parameters and 3 initial conditions for each patient using:
  - (a) half of the available longitudinal data
  - (b) all of the available longitudinal data
4. Simulate model with each parameter set (a) and (b); compare to each other and to full data series.

## Model Parameters **estimated** vs. fixed at average

**Uninfected type 1 ( $T_1^0$ ):**  $\dot{T}_1 = \lambda_1 - d_1 T_1 - (1 - \epsilon_1) k_1 V_I T_1$

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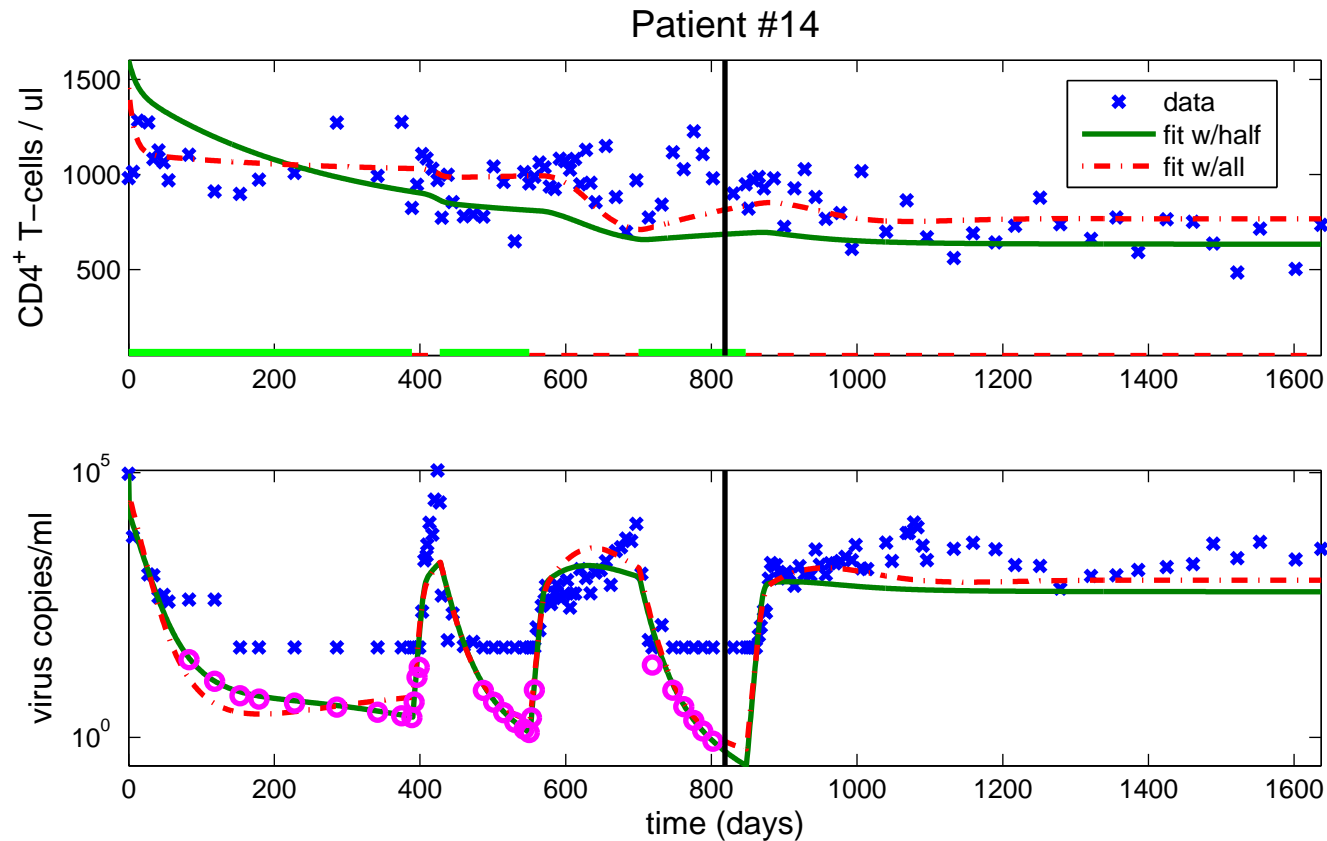
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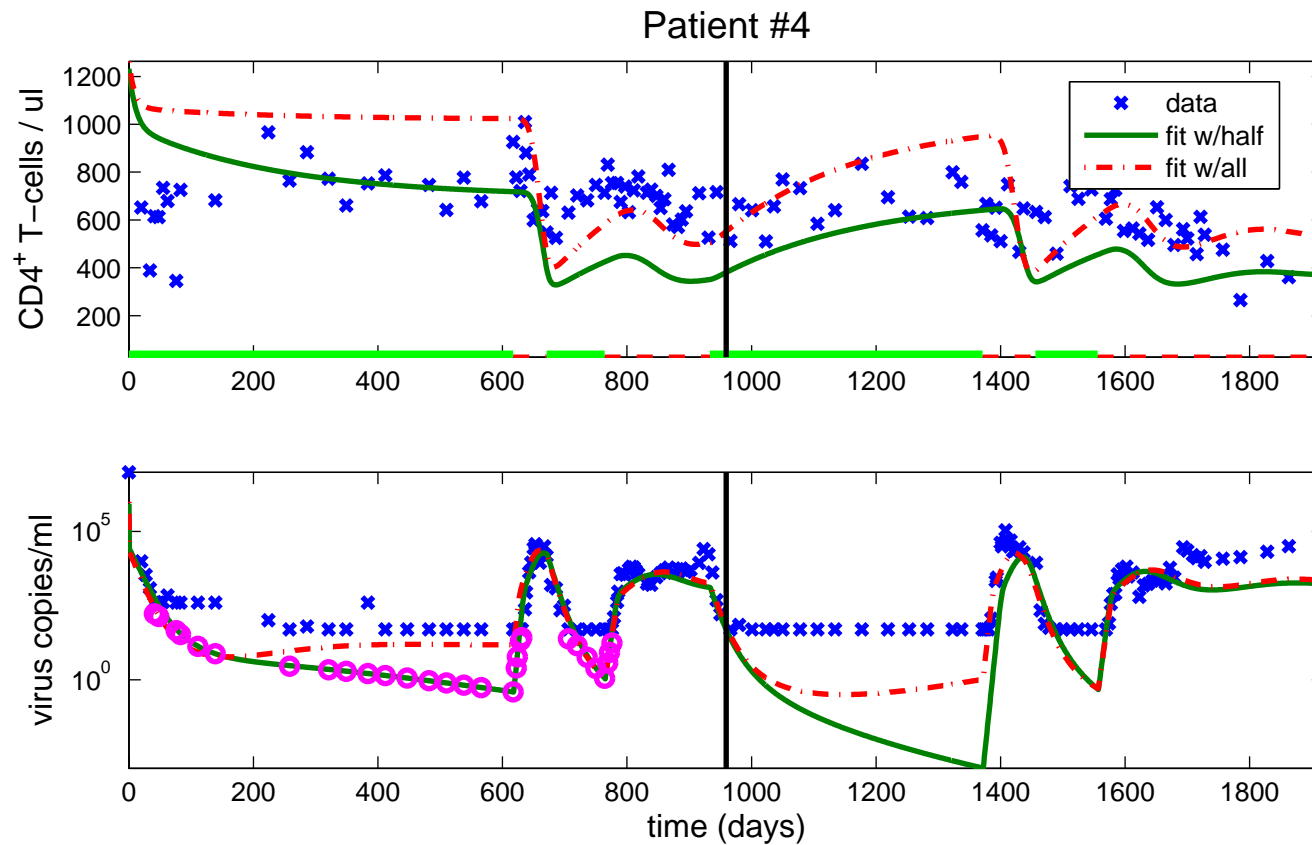
$\lambda_2$	1.0099e-01	$\delta$	1.8651e-01	$T_2^0$	1.7545e+01
$d_2$	2.2109e-02	$m_1$	2.4385e-02	$T_2^{*0}$	6.0955e-01
$f$	5.3915e-01	$m_2$	1.3099e-02	$V_{NI}^0$	4.9909e+03
$k_2$	5.5290e-04	$b_E$	1.6136e-01	$E^0$	1.8834e-01

# Model Fit: Two Early Interruptions



- Good agreement between half and full data set calibrations, and to data
- Reasonable prediction of long-term off treatment period
- Capture viral peaks? Capture T-cell trend? (T-cell data very noisy)

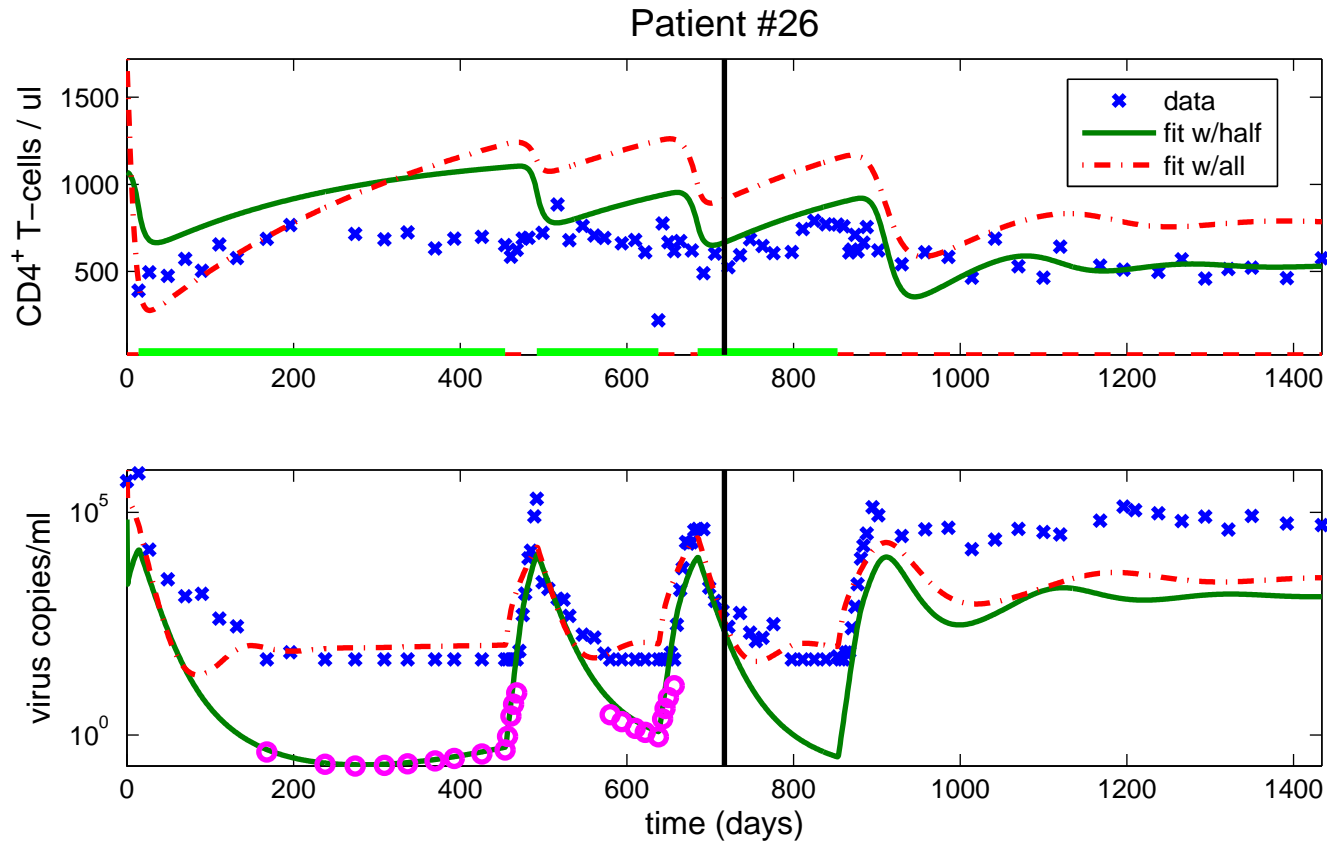
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- Better fit to viral peaks
- Reasonable steady state prediction (within 1 log)
- T-cell fit may be improved by (variance) weighted least squares

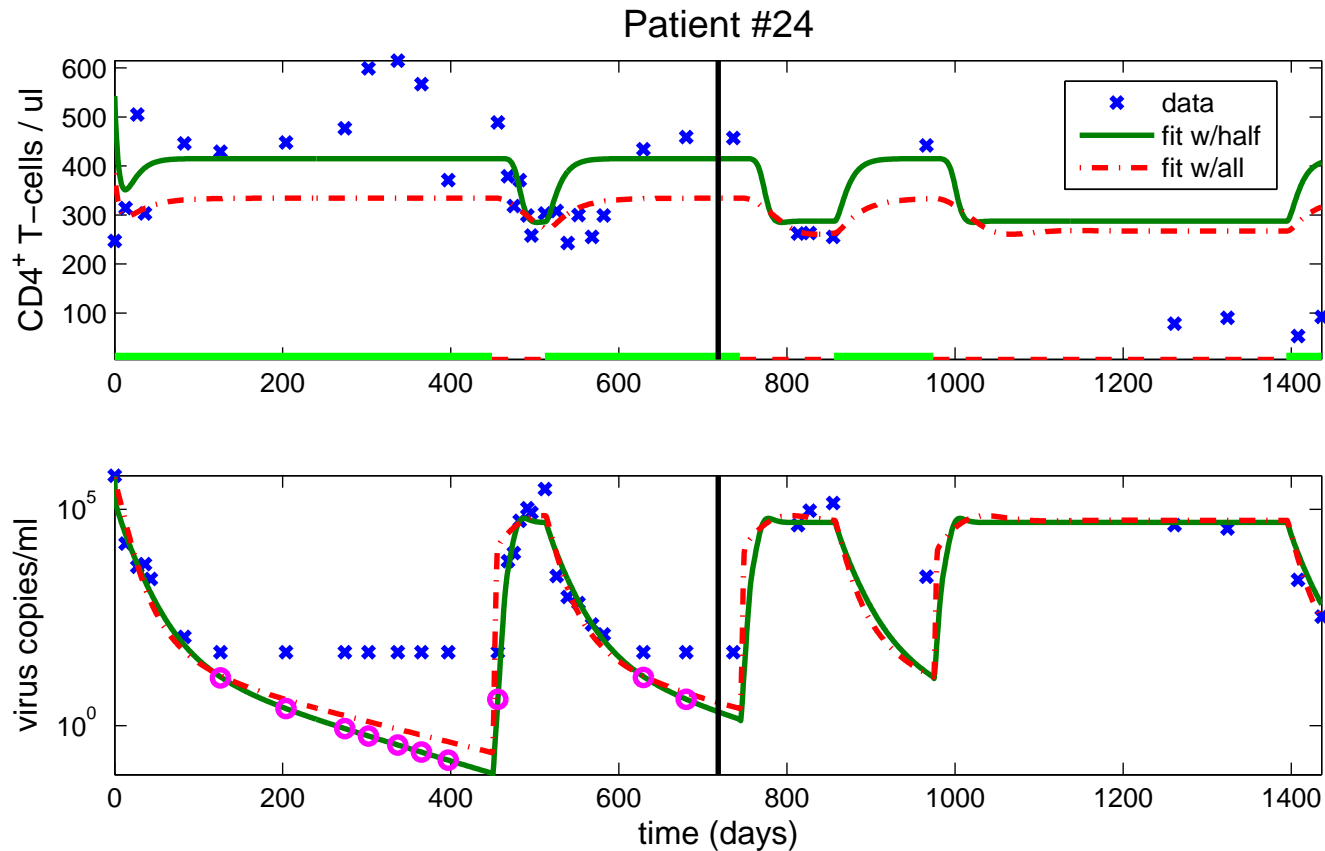


## Poor Model Fit: Two Early Interruptions



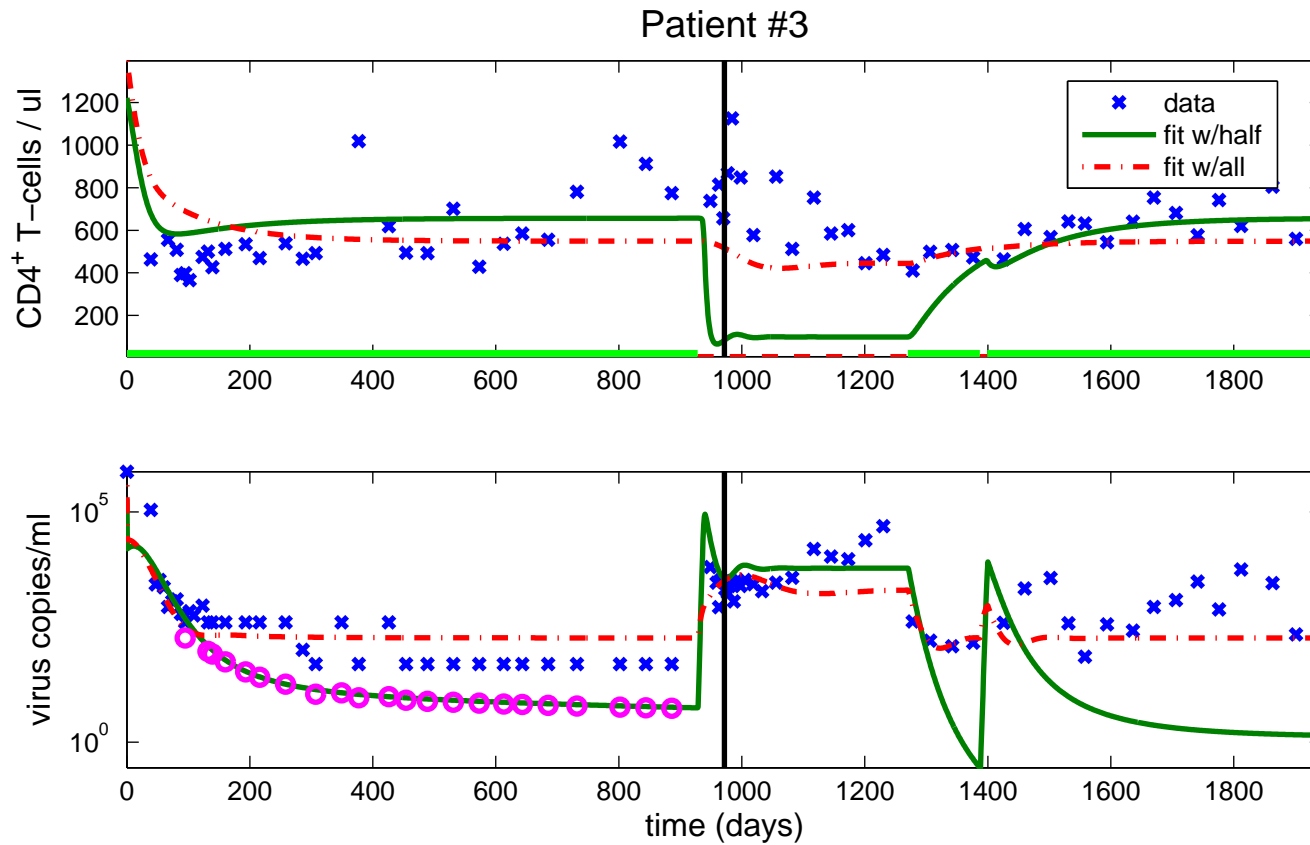
- Despite fitting early viral peaks, do not predict steady state well
- Even full data may be challenging to fit (local minimum?)

# Model Fit: One Early Interruption



- Single interruption can yield reasonable viral load predictions
- Suggests need for better T-cell dynamics model (note low T-cell count), though some T-cell transients are modeled.

# Model Fit: No Early Interruptions



- With no early interruption, it is difficult (impossible?) to predict later interruption.
- Noticable difference between fits with half and full datasets  
(e.g.,  $N_T=1.829e+01$  vs.  $3.677e+01$ )

## Conclusions and Research Needs

- HIV model with immune response can predict small viral loads during suppression and viral rebound during treatment interruption
- Censored data algorithm offers a means to quantify uncertainty when measurements are below assay limits
- Calibrated model capable of predicting long-term patient behavior; need means to quantify success of prediction (LSQ error? early peak fit? steady state?)
- Need better quantification of T-cell measurement error and modeling transients (moving average?)
- Relevant immune responses need to be quantitatively characterized and modeled (in progress at NCSU)

# Thank You!

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(optimization, uncertainty quantification, MEMS design, epidemic modeling)

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